

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/731,896

Examiner

George Nguyen

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment filed on December 23, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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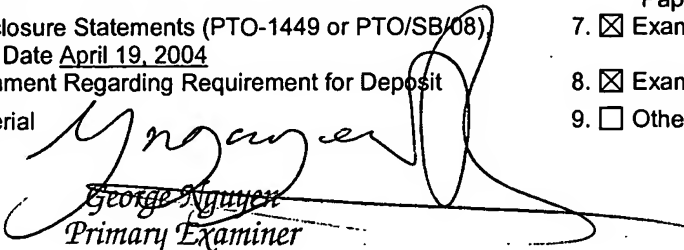
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No./Mail Date April 19, 2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


George Nguyen
Primary Examiner

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, page 1, changed the title "Polishing Device" to "Polishing Device With A Protective Element at Shank End". In line 1, deleted "Description" and substituted thereof "Background of The Invention".

On page 2, inserted "Brief Summary of The Invention".

On page 4, after 5th paragraph inserted "Brief Description of the Drawings.

On page 5, in line 8, changed ",", after Fig. 2 to ".". Thereafter, in new line, inserted "Detailed Description of The Invention".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the specific limitations of "there is a protective element ... the shank end or stop" in the combination as claimed in claim 1, and "a protective element with ... and the shank" in the combination as claimed in claim 13 are not anticipated nor made obvious by the prior art of record in the examiner's opinion. For example, with reference to Figures 1-2, Mitschang et al.'548 discloses a polishing device having shank 15 and at least on one

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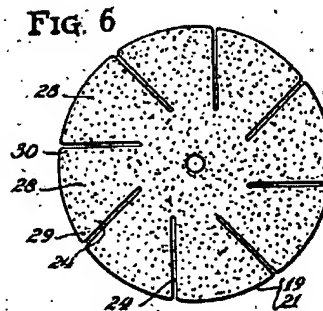
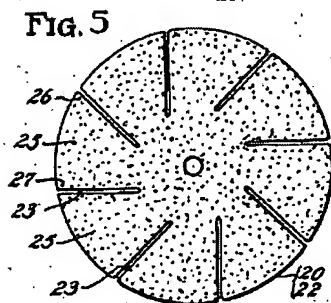
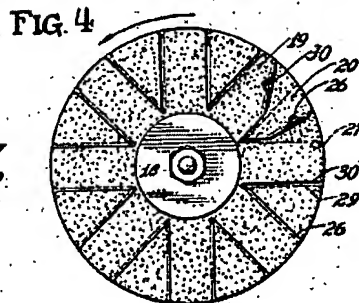
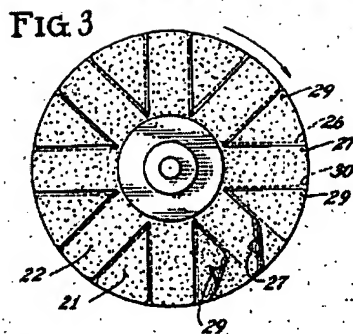
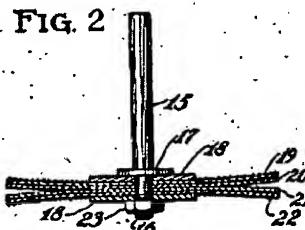
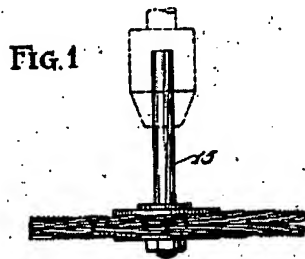
end of the shank 15 one polishing disk that can be fiction-fixed by two stops 17 and 23 on opposite another.

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F. MITSCHANG ET AL
FLEXIBLE ABRASIVE DISKS
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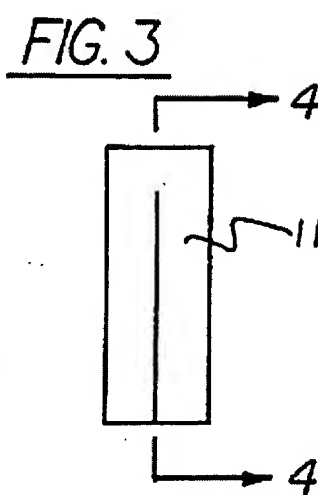
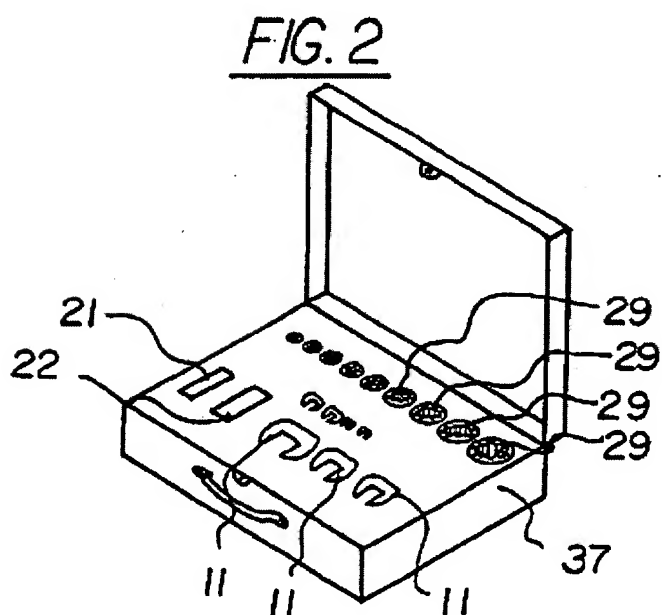
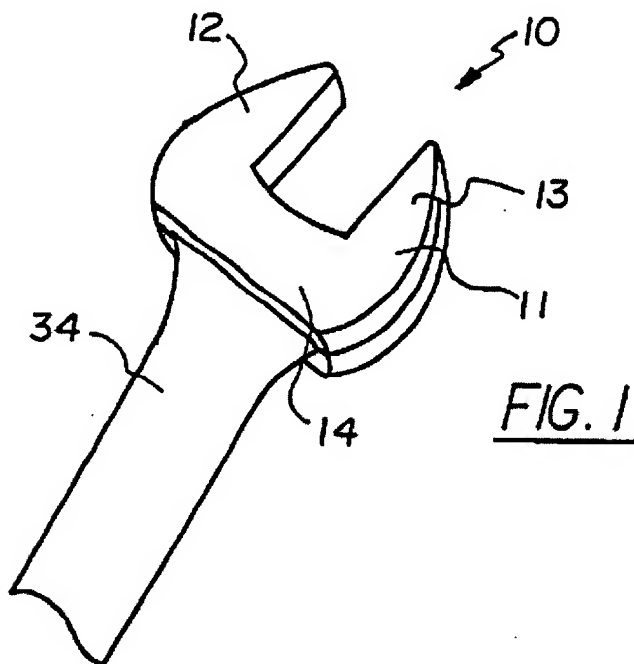
With reference to Figures 1-3, Woolf discloses protective tool cover for preventing damage to objects being worked upon with wrench or socket.

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However, the prior art of record fails to provide or suggest the specific limitations of "there is a protective element ... the shank end or stop" in the combination as claimed in claim 1, and "a protective element with ... and the shank" in the combination as claimed in claim 13.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4491. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday/630AM-300PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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